

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Seed of maize inbred line designated NP2171 representative seed of said maize inbred line having been deposited under ATCC Accession No: PTA-2886.
2. (Currently amended) A maize plant, or a part[[s]] thereof, produced by growing the seed of claim 1 of inbred line NP2171, seed of said line having been deposited under ATCC Accession No: PTA-2886.
3. (Original) Pollen of the plant of claim 2.
4. (Original) An ovule of the plant of claim 2.
5. (Previously presented) A maize plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the plant according to claim 2.
- 6-8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) The maize plant, or a part thereof, according to claim 2 or 5[[8]], ~~wherein said~~ further comprising a transgene that confers upon said maize plant tolerance to a herbicide.
10. (Previously presented) The maize plant according to claim 9, wherein said herbicide is glyphosate, gluphosinate, a sulfonylurea or an imidazolinone herbicide, a hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase inhibitor or a protoporphyrinogen oxidase inhibitor.
11. (Currently amended) The maize plant, or a part thereof, according to claim 2 or 5[[9]], ~~wherein said~~ further comprising a transgene that confers upon said maize plant insect resistance, disease resistance or virus resistance.

12. (Previously presented) The maize plant according to claim 11, wherein said transgene conferring upon said maize plant insect resistance is a *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab gene.

13. (Previously presented) The maize plant according to claim 12, further comprising a *bar* gene.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) Seed produced by selfing[[of]] the plant according to claim 2 or 5[[7]].

16. (Currently amended) A tissue culture of regenerable cells of the maize plant according to claim 2 or 5, wherein the tissue regenerates plants capable of expressing all the morphological and physiological characteristics of the plant according to claim 2.

17. (Currently amended) The tissue culture according to claim 16, wherein the regenerable cells are from a tissue being selected from the group consisting of embryo[[s]], meristem[[s]], pollen, leave[[s]], anther[[s]], root[[s]], root tip[[s]], silk, flower[[s]], kernel[[s]], ear[[s]], cob[[s]], husk[[s]] and stalk[[s]], ~~or being protoplasts or~~ are protoplasts or callus produced derived therefrom.

18. (Currently amended) A maize plant regenerated from the tissue culture of claim 16, ~~capable of expressing~~ having all the morphological and physiological characteristics of inbred line NP2171, seed of said inbred line having been deposited under ATCC Accession No: PTA-2886.

19. (Currently amended) A method for producing maize seed comprising crossing a first parent maize plant with a second parent maize plant and harvesting the resultant ~~first generation~~ maize seed, wherein said first or second parent maize plant is the inbred maize plant of claim 2 or 5.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein said resultant seed is a first generation (F1) hybrid maize seed.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the inbred maize plant of claim 2 is the female parent.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the inbred maize plant of claim 2 is the male parent.

23-49. (Canceled)